

Government of India taken themselves for—about the State Governments, we know you will pull them up, but, sir, what steps has the Government of India taken to wipe out the backlog?

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: Buta Singhji he has pointed out at it will be dealt on the Prime Minister's level.

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV: Mr. speaker, Sir, I respect the sentiments and intentions of the hon. Ministr. But the question is that despite having good sentiments and excellent intentions, the vacant posts are not being filled. The former Prime Minister late Shri Rajiv Gandhi had identified before 1989, that 76 thousand posts reserved for SC/S.Ts had not been filled. He had said that he wanted to fill the vacant posts but the same has not been fulfilled till date. I would like to know from the Government whether it will make necessary recruitments and issue necessary instructions to the State Governments to make special recruitments of these categories. It cannot be implemented in three to four months through normal procedure.

SHRI SITARAM KESRI: I have made it clear in the House that time limit has been fixed upto 31st March and by that time if it is not completed we can also think of bringing a resolution to clear the backlog.

#### **Babri Masjid and Ram Janambhoomi Issue**

\*45. SHRI P.C. THOMAS:  
SHRI RABI RAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the structure of Babri Masjid in Ayodhya was damaged on 30 October, 1991 by some persons;

(b) If so, the details of the incident; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government for protection of the Masjid structure and to solve the Babri Masjid-Ram Janambhoomi issue amicably?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c). According to information available with the Home Ministry, on 31.10.1991 some persons going for 'darshan' of the deities caused some damage to the outside of the outer wall of the Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid structure. The damages were reported to be done through 'Trishuls' carried by these persons. Following this incident, the State Government tightened the security regulatory measures. The Central Government's concern regarding the protection of the disputed structure has been brought to the notice of the State Government with the request that suitable arrangements be made for its safety. This matter was also discussed at length in the meeting of the National Integration Council held on 2.11.1991. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh gave a categorical assurance to the Council that the State Government would hold itself fully responsible for the protection of the Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid structure.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Sir, the party of the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister openly declared during the by-elections that they would construct the temple in place of the Masjid, even after the assurance of the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister. The structure cannot be maintained as such when temple is constructed. I would like to know from the hon. Home Minister as to what action the government proposes to take if this assurance is not adhered to.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN: Sir, what the hon. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh had said during the election speeches, the Government is not aware of the fact. It is not only to the National Integration Council this assurance was given by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, but even the affidavit filed by the Uttar Pradesh Government in the Supreme Court also confirms this position. That is why

I do not think that this question would arise.

**SHRI P.C. THOMAS:** Sir, there are glaring example of practice of secularism in India. For example, in Kerala in Erimeli this is the time when lakhs of people go to Sabarimala. These pilgrims first go to the Mosque and pay their respects before they go to Sabarimala. *(Interruptions)* So, will the Government give adequate publicity to this glaring example of practice of secularism when our people are fighting for Ram janma Bhoomi?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Of course the Government will do that.

**SHRI S.B. CHAVAN:** Sir, my colleague, the hon. Minister for information and Broadcasting is sitting here and I am sure he will take note of it.

*[Translation]*

**SHRI RABI RAY:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is Constitutional obligation of the Central Government to protect the mosque. The hon. Minister is aware of the fact that the outer railing of the mosque was damaged last year. The Court had issued order for its repair but the Government have not yet repaired it. Just now the hon. Minister has said about the damage of outer wall but according to our information inner part of the structure has also been damaged. The Law Minister of the Uttar Pradesh Government visited the site and said that

*[English]*

If necessary, the legislation to that effect will be brought by the Government.

*[Translation]*

He has also said about the construction of temple on the disputed site. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he would give assurance that in spite of the statement of law Minister of Uttar Pradesh Government, no damage will be done to the mosque.

*[English]*

**SHRI S.B. CHAVAN :** Sir, this is the position which the U.P. Government has taken as per affidavit filed in the Supreme Court.

**SHRI B. AHAMED:** We have no faith in it U.P. Government flouted directives of Courts.

**SHRI S.B. CHAVAN:** It is not the question of your having faith or my faith in it. After having filed the affidavit in the Supreme Court they are bound by it. I do not think that we can proceed on the basis of of certain assumptions that this is not going to happen...*(Interruptions)*

*[Translation]*

**SHRI RABI RAY:** Mr. Speaker, Sir I have asked a very clear question that in view of the statement of the Law Minister of the Uttar Pradesh Government. Will the hon. Minister.

*[English]*

**MR. SPEAKER:** They are relying upon what is stated in the N.I.C.

*[Translation]*

**SHRI RABI RAY:** I would like to know the reaction of the hon. Minister. He is referring to ...*(interruptions)* ...I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister toward the statement of the Law Minister of the Government of Uttar Pradesh Shri Om Prakash. *(Interruptions)*

**SHRI S.B. CHAVAN:** In spite of the statement of the law Minister of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, they have filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court. He might have given the statement from publicity point of view, but we are bound by the affidavit. The Government of India believes that the Government of Uttar Pradesh will stand by the affidavit. *(Interruptions)*